



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Awarding Service Contract to Auriga Corporation of Milpitas, California to Provide Routing and Siting Evaluation for a Western Transmission **Line** Interconnection **(\$95,950)** (EUD)

MEETING DATE: June **20,2007**

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution awarding a service contract for routing and siting a western transmission line interconnection to Auriga Corporation (Auriga) of Milpitas, California.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 2, 2007, the City Council approved the Request For Proposal (RFP) for services to provide routing and siting evaluation, alternative and right-of-way analyses, issue identification, cost/benefit studies, and other related recommendations for a potential transmission line interconnection to the vicinity of NCPA's STIG Plant to the west of Lodi.

The transmission routing and siting RFP was sent to four engineering firms that had been previously pre-qualified for power engineering services. On May 31, 2007, staff received bids as follows:

Auriga Corporation, Milpitas, CA	\$95,950.00
Electrical Power Systems, Inc., Fresno, CA	No Bid
Arthur Engineering, Inc., Elk Grove, CA	No Bid
Vega Engineering, Inc., San Francisco, CA	No Bid

Staff reviewed the proposal of Auriga Corporation and found it to be compliant with the RFP specifications, bid submitted requirements and scope of work. Auriga has the background, skills and expertise that would address the identified tasks for this project covering technical, environmental, right-of-way, planning, and regulatory issues. Auriga Corporation has performed transmission interconnection projects for Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Pacific Gas & Electric, Sierra Pacific Power Company and similar projects with Kentucky Public Service Commission, Kentucky Power and Louisville Electric. Auriga has also conducted several siting projects for transmission lines and power plants including power substation design services for both municipal and investor owned utilities such as Santa Clara, Roseville, SMUD, SCE, PG&E, and Anaheim.

The construction of new transmission lines entails activities requiring lengthy execution, adjustment, and repetitive negotiation and coordination in routing and siting activities including the need to secure right-of-ways and easements. Staff's estimate of cost for this work was \$100,000-\$150,000. Therefore, staff is recommending City Council approval awarding ~~the~~ transmission routing and siting services to Auriga Corporation of Milpitas, California.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed project cost is \$95,950.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair King", written over a horizontal line.

Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AWARDING
SERVICE CONTRACT TO AURIGA CORPORATION TO PROVIDE
ROUTING AND SITING EVALUATION FOR A WESTERN
TRANSMISSION LINE INTERCONNECTION

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2007, the City Council approved the request for proposals (RFP) for services to provide routing and siting evaluation, alternative and right-of-way analyses, issue identification, cost/benefit studies, and other related recommendations for a potential transmission line interconnection to the vicinity of the Northern California Power Agency steam injected gas turbine plant to the west of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, the transmission routing and siting RFP was sent to four engineering firms that had been previously pre-qualified for power engineering services. On May 31, 2007, staff received proposals with the following results:

Auriga Corporation, Milpitas, CA	\$95,950.00
Electrical Power Systems, Inc., Fresno, CA	No Bid
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Vega Engineering, Inc., San Francisco, CA	No Bid

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposal of Auriga Corporation and found it to be compliant with the RFP specifications, bid submittal requirements, and scope of work. Auriga has the background, skills, and expertise that would address the identified tasks for this project covering technical, environmental, right-of-way, planning, and regulatory issues: and

WHEREAS, the construction of new transmission lines entails activities requiring lengthy execution, adjustment, and repetitive negotiation and coordination in routing and siting activities including the need to secure right-of-ways and easements; and

WHEREAS, staff estimates the cost for this work to be \$100,000 to \$150,000 and recommends City Council approval awarding the transmission routing and siting services to Auriga Corporation, of Milpitas, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby award the service contract to provide routing and siting evaluation for a western transmission line interconnection to Auriga Corporation, of Milpitas, California, in the amount of \$95,950.

Dated: June 20, 2007

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-118 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 20, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen and Hitchcock

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


RANDI JOHL
City Clerk